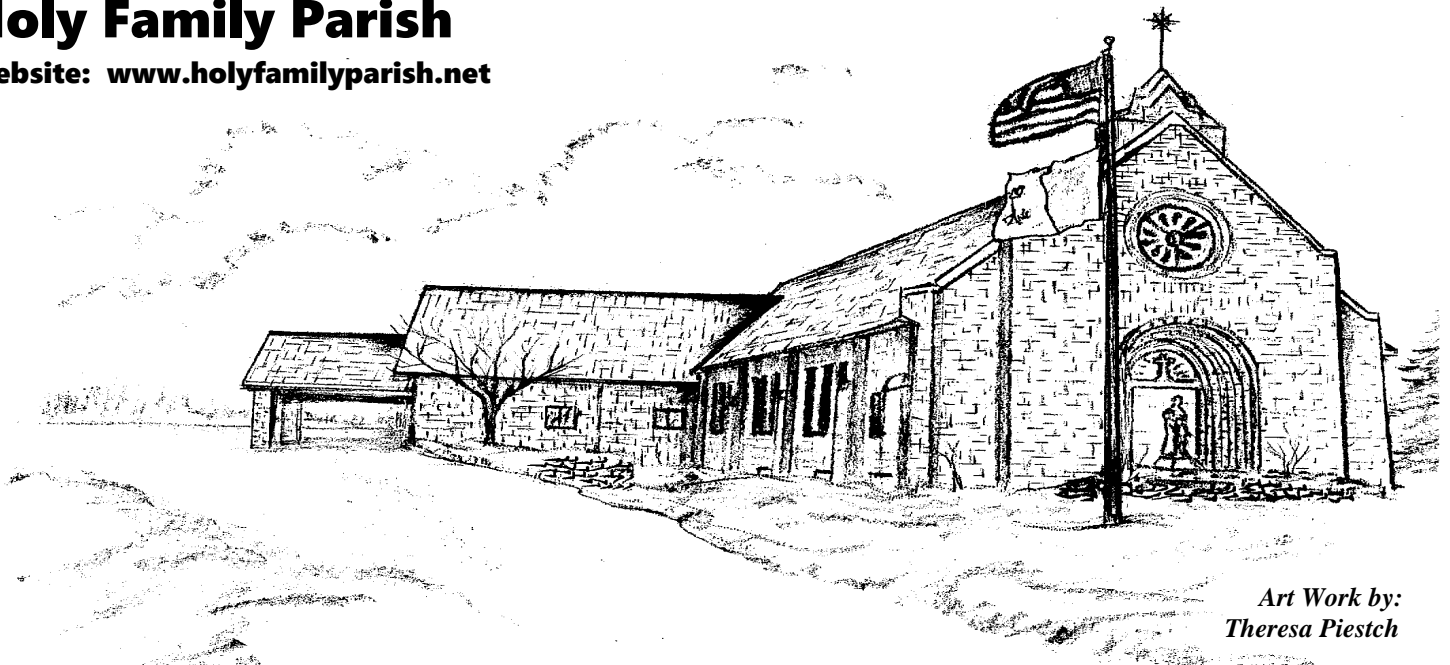


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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic. One parent must be a practicing Catholic to present a child for Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

7:30 am – 7:50 am

before daily Mass or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

The sacrament is for anyone you know who has any continuing or serious illness or at point of death, or is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament. Contact Fr. Sebastian at (906) 440-4193

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

*Diane, Barb, Eric, Pat, Betty Lou, Joan Shelly Polaczyk,
Roger Tourangeau, Jan Carter, Becky, Jean Way
Amanda, Duane, Judy Hubert*

Attention parishioners. We will start with our prayer list back in the weekly bulletin. If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209. This will be the new corner for the names. The Mass intentions are now listed in the weekly calendar.

CATECHETICAL CORNER

The Commandments (Cont.)

The First Commandment: *“I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.”*

By the First Commandment we are commanded to worship the one, true and living God, by Faith, Hope, Love and True Religion. It commands us to believe firmly in God and His Word, to learn what He has taught and to profess our belief. It bids us also to trust or hope in God, to love Him, and to adore Him by prayer and sacrifice. It is very clear from this Commandment that true worship is given only to God of Trinity. If we worship anybody, including angels and saints will be idolatry. The positive invitation of the First Commandment calls us to practice the Theological Virtues of faith, hope and love, by believing in the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity.

The First Commandment prohibits idolatry, the worship of false gods who can be any persons, creatures and material things. In the ancient time people worshiped created things like the sun, moon, wind, fire, stars, trees, bulls, eagles, and serpents. In some cases kings and emperors were considered divine, and worship of them was expected. Israel was forbidden to make images of God: **“Do not degrade yourselves by fashioning an idol to represent any figure” (Dt. 4:16)**. This injunction against carved images was based on the conviction that God is greater and more mysterious than any artistic representation of him. It also restrained Israel from carving idols like the pagans and lapsing into idolatry. But people of Israel could make images that symbolically pointed toward salvation by the Messiah, such as the bronze serpent, the Ark of the Covenant, and the cherubim.

The Christians, however, have been permitted to fashion religious art. The veneration of icons-religious images of Christ, Mary, the angels and the saint – was upheld by the seventh Ecumenical Council at Nicaea (AD 787), in opposition to the iconoclasts – those who rejected the use of religious images such as statues, painting, and mosaics. The fact that, in the Incarnation, Christ took on human nature provided the foundation for the Church’s tradition that artistic images such as icons can portray mysteries of salvation. Whoever venerates a holy image venerates the persons portrayed. The veneration of Mary and saints – and images of them – differs from the adoration that belongs to God alone.

The idolatry has emerged in new forms, whenever something created is given absolute value. Examples of where this happens include power, money, materialism and sports. Also, those who resort to astrology, palm reading, and interpretation of omens by media and others who claim to control time and history, weaken their faith in God, lapse into superstition, and sometimes fall into sin. Those who get involved with cults or the occult (magic, witchcraft, Satanism) open themselves to evil influence, undermine their faith in the true God, and commit sin.

The Second Commandment: *“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.”*

At the burning bush, Moses asked God for His name. God replied, “I AM who AM... This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you” (Exodus 3:14). The Hebrews treated this name for God with such respect that they did not speak it. It was honored in silence. Only the high priest, once a year at the feast of atonement, pronounced this name at the incense offering in the Holy of Holies in the Temple. Out of reverence for the revealed Holy Name, the people substituted the name **“Adonai, which means “Lord.”** In Israel God is known also as Yahweh. But a pious Jew was not allowed to pronounce that name. The Jews were offended by the use of **Yahweh** in Catholic and Christian hymn books. So, a few years ago Holy Father Pope Paul II made a rule that the use of Yahweh in the hymn books should be replaced with God or Lord.

(Will be continued).

Please remember the family and friends of Dan Chouinard whose funeral Mass was Friday, Feb. 10th. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the gentle peace of our Lord.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Feb. 13 th	8:00 A.M. –	Mass - For all of our special intentions
Tues.	Feb. 14 th		<i>Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – John Verbrigghe
		5:00 P.M. -	St. Vincent DePaul Society meets
Wed.	Feb. 15 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Clayton VanDrese
			Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
		6:30 P.M. -	No CCD Classes – Winter Break
Thurs.	Feb. 16 th	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Ken Beauchamp
		7:30 P.M. -	Smear League
Fri.	Feb. 17 th		<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>
		8:00 A.M.-	Mass – Julia Desy
		-----	Parish Office closed
Sat.	Feb. 18 th	3:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM
		4:00 P.M. -	Mass – For the People of our Parish
Sun.	Feb. 19 th		<i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Rosella & Francis Flagstadt
		10:00 AM -	Mass – Lawrence & Joyce Viau

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

72 envelopes returned for Sunday, January 29, 2023

Adult Offering.....	\$2,629.00
Loose.....	148.00
General Maintenance.....	45.00
Fuel.....	50.00
Total.....	\$2,872.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense...	\$3,980.50
Shortage.....	\$1,351.50

St. Vincent DePaul donations.....	\$	467.00
Mission Collection.....		20.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper.....		20.00
UPCSA pledges.....		200.00

PASTY MAKING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 24th AND FEBRUARY 25th. Please mark your calendars! The sheets are at the back of church for donations and for workers. Please stop to see where you can help out at!



Plan Your Trip to the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress June 9th-10th in Marquette

Bishop Doerfler is calling all of us together for a Diocesan Eucharistic Congress Friday, June 9th (5:30pm-10:00pm) and Saturday, June 10th (8:30am-6:30pm) at the Superior Dome, to celebrate our faith in Jesus' Eucharistic Presence. We anticipate an exciting event with something for the whole family: nationally-known speakers, a children's program and teen track on Saturday, uplifting music, Adoration, Confession, and Mass. Registration is open at revival.yoopercatholic.org where you can view a detailed schedule, read the speaker bios, find lodging information, and register adults, teens, and children. You can also sign up to sing in the choir or spend an hour of Adoration through the night. Plan your trip to come celebrate Jesus' Presence among us!

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Feb. 12th** - I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday. Abe Lincoln
- Feb. 13th** - I cannot conceive how a man could look up into the heavens and still say that there is no god. A. Lincoln.
- Feb. 14th** - Love in your heart wasn't put there to stay. Love isn't love 'til you give it away.
- Feb. 15th** - "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me know it now...for I shall not pass this way again.
- Feb. 16th** - Let each day be your masterpiece.
- Feb. 17th** - there is no greater invitation to love than in loving first.
- Feb. 18th** - Some people have strong will power, and some have strong won't power.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In the Gospel Jesus says: "Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus.

For more information contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Director of Escanaba Catholic Faith Formation

The Escanaba Catholic Faith Formation program is looking for a Part-time Director, mid-August through mid-May; 3 days/week; 15-19 hours/week.

Please apply in person to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1820 9th Avenue North, Escanaba.

Applications are due by February 16th.

BARAGA DAYS 2023

Mark your calendars for Baraga Days 2023 which will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. More details will be coming soon.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday

Gn 4:1-15,25
Mk 8:11-13

Wednesday

Gn 8:6-13,20-22
Mk 8:22-26

Friday

Gn 11:1-9
Mk 8:34—9:1

Tuesday

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10
Mk 8:14-21

Thursday

Gn 9:1-13
Mk 8:27-33

Saturday

Heb 11:1-7
Mk 9:2-13

Sunday

Lv 19:1-2,17-18 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

U.P. CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our goal for this year is \$39,676

To date we have pledges of \$34,530,. Leaving a balance of \$5,146. *Thank you to all who responded.*

St. Anthony of Padua Parish has a job opportunity for a Church Custodian! Responsibilities for this position include upkeep & preventative maintenance of all parish buildings and equipment, as well as sidewalk and entrance snow removal. A full job description and application are available at the parish office, located at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1820 9th Avenue North, Escanaba.

SPRING STUDY DAY-RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Mark your calendars for Spring Study Day, Thursday, March 30, 2023. Don't miss this special opportunity to learn more about the national Eucharistic Congress and Venerable Bishop Baraga. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now! The cost to attend is \$15 which includes morning refreshments, lunch, and materials. For more information and/or to register, go to <https://form.jotform.com/DiocesefMarquette/spring-study-day-2023>.

We are now starting to collect old palms. There is a basket at the back of church to put them in.